

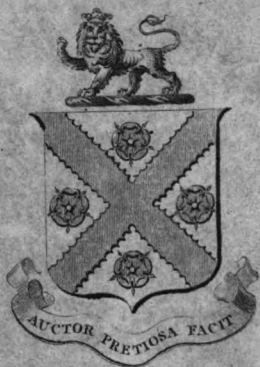
---

This is a reproduction of a library book that was digitized by Google as part of an ongoing effort to preserve the information in books and make it universally accessible.

Google™ books

<http://books.google.com>





*James Lence.*

ZHS  
MANUAL







(Manual)

ZHS

Digitized by Google

45TH









A  
**Manual**  
OF  
**INTERCESSORY PRAYER,**  
CONTAINING  
A Selection of Topics for  
**EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK;**  
WITH  
*Appropriate Examples*  
FROM  
**THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, AND  
THE LITURGY.**

---

COMPILED AND ARRANGED BY A CLERGYMAN.

---

*The effectual fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man  
availeth much. St. James, v. 16.*

---

IPSWICH:

*Printed and Sold by J. Raw,*  
Sold also by Hurst, Chance, & Co. Seeley & Son, an  
Nisbet, London; and H. Mozley & Son, Derby.

1828.



## PREFACE.

*The Compiler of the following Manual has no wish to impose a particular set of Rules on any of his readers, or to recommend as a Model for others, the System of Intercessory Prayer which he has adopted for himself. His object is to suggest a few scriptural hints and motives for the more punctual observance of a duty which he believes to be unspeakably important, and which has been the delight of the most eminent servants of God in every age. A spirit of sympathy is, in a peculiar sense, the Spirit of Christ; and if we are under the*

*blessed influence of his Gospel, we shall view the happiness of others as intimately connected with our own ; we shall rejoice with them that do rejoice: and weep with them that weep ; and our bitterest enemies will not be excluded from our Intercessions at the throne of grace. May the love of our adorable Redeemer animate the hearts of all his followers ; and may we be constantly guided by that heavenly wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy !*

# INTRODUCTION.

---

*Testimonies of Various Authors, in reference to  
Intercessory Prayer.*

---

**“THE Prayers of the meanest saints may be useful to the greatest apostles, both with respect to their persons and the discharge of their office. Hence it was usual with the apostle St. Paul to desire the prayers of the churches to whom he wrote. For in mutual prayer for each other, consists one principal part of the communion of saints, wherein they are helpful to one another in all times, places, and conditions. It is the special duty of the churches to pray for them who are eminently useful in the work of the ministry.”**

**DR. OWEN.**

**B**

**“ Many may be unfit for serving their country in the field, who may yet promote its advantage in their closets, and by their influence at the throne of grace, may be the strongest bulwark of the land. Had we more persons among us, endued with the pious fervour of Moses, to hold up their hands to God on behalf of the nation, we should have less reason to fear the most formidable adversaries.”**

**REV. T. ROBINSON.**

**“ Let me alone,” said the Lord to Moses, when he pleaded with him in behalf of rebellious Israel, “ let me alone that I may destroy them in a moment:” he could not, so to speak, proceed to take vengeance, unless his servant would cease to plead for them. Abraham desisted from asking before the Lord delayed to grant his supplications for guilty Sodom. Sennacherib’s numerous host was too feeble to withstand the united prayers of Hezekiah and Isaiah: nor could Herod’s prison and guards detain or destroy**



Peter, when time was given to the church to pour out their prayers for him. Do we then hear of good designs which seem likely to be frustrated through the artifices of the enemy, and their interference with mens' secular interest? Let us remember that our prayers are the appointed and effectual means of removing these impediments: and perhaps the Lord delays the success of such designs, till he be importuned by the whole multitude of his people; that, as he alone can send prosperity, or give the blessing, so the whole glory may thus be given to him, whatever instruments he may honour, by employing them in such beneficial services. It is, however, our bounden duty thus to assist all who labour to do good. We should pray without ceasing that the ministers of Christ may be faithful, bold, zealous, prudent, and successful; that the Lord would send forth labourers into his vineyard; that pure christianity may be diffused on every side; that the church may become as "a city that is at unity within itself;" that at this time, "when the enemy

comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord may lift up a standard against him ;" that impiety and false religion may be suppressed ; that Jews, Pagans, Infidels, and Mohammedans may be converted ; that such as are gone amidst manifold dangers and hardships, to preach the gospel in remote regions, may be protected, supported, comforted, and prospered ; and that the earth may speedily be " filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

" There is in general too small a proportion by far of supplication or intercession, in the devotions of christians of the present day. Selfishness seems even to infect our religion : we seek comfort, and perhaps sanctification, for ourselves, the company, and our particular circle ; but, except on special occasions, we are not apt to enlarge, to multiply our petitions, and fill our mouths with arguments, in pleading for our fellow christians, and fellow sinners throughout the world ; or even for our own country, and the church of God that is amongst us.

Let no one make unworthiness, or discouragement, or want of liberty in prayer, an excuse or reason for neglecting this bounden duty. In general, prayer for others is the best preparation for pouring out our own complaints before God with confidence and comfort; and did we more generally begin as our Lord hath taught us, "Hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven;" we should more generally conclude with animated alacrity, "For thine," O Lord, "is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever: Amen."

REV. T. SCOTT.

"The communion of saints is the great privilege of all the children of God; they may be separate from each other in body, and yet may daily meet at the throne of grace. This is one branch of the communion of saints, to be present in spirit to each other; sharing in common of the influences of the Spirit, they feel the same desires, aim at the same objects

and, so far as they are personally acquainted, are led to bear each other upon their hearts in prayer. It has often been an encouragement to me in a dark and dull hour, when rather the constraint of duty, than the consideration of privilege, has brought me upon my knees, to reflect how many hearts, and eyes, and hands, have been probably lifted up in the same moment with mine; this thought has given me new courage. O what a great family has our Father! and what David says of the natural is true of the spiritual life. "These wait all upon thee; "that thou mayest give them their meat in "due season. That thou givest them, they "gather: thou openest thine hand, and they "are filled with good." Then I particularly think of those who have been helpful to me in time past; the seasons of sweet communion we have enjoyed together, the subjects of our mutual complaints, &c. Where are they, or how engaged now? Perhaps this moment praying or thinking about me. Then I am roused to make their cases my own, and by

attempting to plead for them, I get strength to pray for myself."

REV. JOHN NEWTON.

"Have you a friend? Go to the throne of grace and there exalt and refine your friendship; there enumerate all his wants; think over all the real blessings which your indulgent love would wish him to enjoy; give full scope to the ardour of your feelings; consider all the snares to which he is exposed, all the failings which your anxious regard for him would wish to be corrected; spread before God these wishes of your soul; pray that he may be enriched by the God of all grace with all spiritual blessings; draw out your heart with love towards him; let this be at once the proof and the solace of your friendship. In your different addresses to God, let not one in the whole circle of your friends be forgotten; and surely this will expand the soul, and give the richest and the most delightful, because the most noble, enjoyment of true love and affection.

Have you a Pastor who watches over your souls? O return for him those prayers which he offers for you! How animating would it be for your Minister to consider his flock as remembering him before God! With what hope, what comfort, what joy, would he minister before you, could he believe that your prayers had already ascended for him to the throne of grace! What a sacred union would it produce! How just an image would it exhibit of that intimate and endearing connection which subsists between the different members of the Church of Christ! See in these instances the communion of saints. Thus have they fellowship with each other, and with their common Head. Thus is christian love produced and cherished in them. They learn to drop their animosities, and forgive as they hope to be forgiven. Their love is excited, preserved, and purified. They descend from the mount with their countenances glowing with the warmth of tenderness for those on whose behalf they have been interceding there. This is their

bond of union ; the secret but powerful spring of affection unknown to the world, and producing an unfailing supply of encreasing benevolence."

REV. J. VENN.

" The Rev. MR. ROMAINE was in the habit of devoting two hours every Friday to particular intercession with God for his friends. He had their names written down on paper, and used to walk about his room, mentioning them one by one, and specifying their wants, as far as he knew them, with earnest supplication."

*The following extracts from the Diary of the Rev. DAVID BRAINERD, will shew the high importance which he attached to the duty of Intercession.*

" In prayer my soul was enlarged, and my faith drawn into sensible exercise ; I was enabled to cry to God for my poor Indians ; and though the work of their conversion ap-

peared "impossible with man, yet with God, I saw all things were possible." My faith was much strengthened by observing the wonderful assistance God afforded his servants Nehemiah and Ezra, in reforming his people, and re-establishing his ancient church. I was much assisted in prayer for dear christian friends, and for others that I apprehended to be christless; but was more especially concerned for the poor Heathen, and those of my own charge. I was enabled to be instant in prayer for them, and hoped that God would bow the heavens and come down for their salvation. It seemed to me, there could be no impediment sufficient to obstruct that glorious work, seeing the living God as I strongly hoped, was engaged for it."—"My soul was much solemnized in reading God's word, especially the ninth chapter of Daniel. I saw how God had called out his servants to prayer, and made them wrestle with him, when he designed to bestow any great mercy on his church."—"While I was riding, I had a deep sense of the greatness



and difficulty of my work ; and my soul seemed to rely wholly on God for success, in the diligent and faithful use of the means. I saw, with the greatest certainty, that *the arm of the Lord* must be revealed, for the help of the poor Heathen, if ever they were delivered from the bondage of the powers of darkness.”—“ I spent an hour in prayer, with great intenseness and freedom, and with the most soft and tender affection towards mankind. I longed that those who bear me ill-will might be eternally happy : it seemed refreshing to think of meeting them in heaven, how much soever they had injured me on earth : I had no disposition to insist upon any confession from them, in order to reconciliation, nor of the exercise of love and kindness from them. I could not have spoken a word of bitterness, or entertained a bitter thought against the vilest man living. Oh it is an emblem of heaven itself, to love all the world with a love of forgiveness and benevolence !”

“There is much in the preceding account,” says President Edwards, “to excite and encourage God’s people to earnest prayers, and endeavours for the advancement and enlargement of the Kingdom of Christ in the world. Mr. Brainerd set us an example in this respect; he sought the prosperity of Zion with all his might, and preferred Jerusalem above his chief joy. How did his soul long and pant after it; how earnestly and often did he wrestle with God for it; and how far did he, in these desires and prayers, seem to be carried beyond all private and selfish views; being animated by a pure love to Christ, an earnest desire of his glory, and a disinterested affection to the souls of mankind. The consideration of this, ought to be not only an incitement to the people of God, but may also be a just encouragement to them, to be much in seeking and praying, for a general outpouring of the Spirit of God, and an extensive revival of religion. I confess that God’s giving so much of a spirit of prayer for this mercy to so eminent a servant of his, and

exciting him in so extraordinary a manner, and with such vehement thirstings of soul, to agonize in prayer for it from time to time through the course of his life, is one thing among others, which gives me great hope, that God has a design of accomplishing something very glorious for the interest of his church before long. One such instance as this, I conceive, gives more encouragement than the common, cold, formal prayers of thousands."

The Rev. DANIEL WILSON in a Sermon on the Death of the Rev. T. Scott, observes that "Intercessory prayer was his delight. He was accustomed in his family devotions to intercede earnestly for the whole church, for the government of his country, for the ministers of religion, for those preparing for the sacred office, for schools and universities, for the different nations of Christendom, for the Heathen and Jews, and for all religious institutions ; varying his supplications as circumstances seemed to dictate. As he approached the close of life, his deep humility

c

of mind, and his zeal for the glory of his Saviour, were very affecting and edifying to those who were present on these occasions. He was the aged saint filled with the love of God and man, and supplicating for the whole human race. More especially, he had for above twenty years been constantly imploring of God that he would open some way for the conversion of the world, as well as the more extensive diffusion of genuine christianity at home, before he saw any apparent means for the accomplishment of his desires ; and when the establishment of the Bible and Missionary Institutions, seemed to afford a prospect of the consummation which he had so fervently desired, his thanksgivings to God abounded.\*

On many occasions the beloved HENRY MARTYN displayed an extraordinary zeal in the duty which we are now recommending, and the following Extracts from his Memoir will shew that, like St. Paul, he sought not his own profit, but the profit of many, that they might be saved :—

“ Falling in with the trade winds, the fleet made quick progress towards India; and whilst the breezes wafted Mr. Martyn towards the destined scene of his labours, many a sigh did he continue to breathe under a sense of his own sinfulness and weakness; and many a petition did he pour forth for the nation to whom he was sent.”—“ After setting apart a day for fasting and humiliation, he began to pray for the setting up of God’s Kingdom in the world, especially in India, and had such energy and delight in prayer as he never had before experienced. “ My whole soul,” he said, “ wrestled with God. I knew not how to leave off crying to Him to fulfil his promises, chiefly pleading his own glorious power. I do not know that any thing would be a heaven to me but the service of Christ, and the enjoyment of his presence. O how sweet is life when spent in his service! I am going upon a work immediately according to the mind of Christ, and my glorious Lord, whose power is uncontrollable, can easily open a way for his feeble follower through the

thickest of the ranks of his enemies. And now, on let me go, smiling at my foes ! How small are human obstacles before this mighty Lord ! How easy is it for God to effect his purposes in a moment !"—Soon after his arrival in India, he wrote a letter to one of his friends in England, in which he says, " I am now very far from you all, and as often as I look round and view the Indian Scenery, I sigh to think of the distance that separates us. Time, indeed, and reflection have, under God, contributed to make the separation less painful ; yet still my thoughts recur with unceasing fondness, to former friendships, and make the duty of intercession for you a happy privilege. Day and night I do not cease to pray for you ; and I am willing to hope that you too remember me at the throne of grace." On another occasion he observes, " In prayer, at the appointed hour, I felt solemnity of mind, and an earnest desire, that the Lord would pour out a double portion of his spirit upon us his ministers in India ; that every one of

us may be eminent in holiness and ministerial gifts."—

"Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" How awful does the thought sometimes appear to me, that almost the whole world are united against God and his Christ! O Lord, how long will it be ere thou plead thine own cause, and make bare thine arm in the sight of the nations?"—"If there is one thing that refreshes my soul above all other things, it is, that I shall behold the Redeemer gloriously triumphant at the winding up of all things. O thou injured Sovereign, how long dost thou bear this ingratitude from wicked mankind!"

#### MEMOIR OF THE REV. HENRY MARTYN.

"The more religion advances in our hearts, the more time we shall be disposed to give to intercession; which as it is the most disinterested and benevolent part of christian prayer, so it most likens us to our divine Master. The christian has sometimes found the presence of God, and enjoyed that communion

with him, in this part of his devotions, which he in vain sought for in confession, petition, or praise."

REV. E. BICKERSTETH.

"In what an extraordinary attitude the church of Christ stands at this moment! She may be well compared to a fleet of ships with all their sails set, only waiting for the wind to fulfil their voyage. How many faithful ministers has God raised up in our land; and not in ours only, but in other Protestant states! What union and energy has he put into the hearts of his people, to associate for spreading the knowledge of his name! There are Missionaries going forth into all parts, who remind us of those early christians who were "baptized for the dead"—that is, men who rise up in the place of departed Missionaries. Forno sooner have they fallen, like determined soldiers in the trenches of the enemy, than others have willingly offered themselves to fill up their ranks, These answers to earnest prayer have already been given; for it should



be particularly borne in mind, that since the Religious Societies have been aided by the prayers of their associations, they have, in every way, been much encreased. When still greater earnestness is used, we may expect still greater blessings. When all "the tithes are brought into the storehouse," as the prophet Malachi says, "and the Lord is proved therewith,"—that is, when the offerings of prayer and thanksgiving are rendered to God by his people, in secret, in the family, in their social meetings, as well as in their assemblies in public worship, then we may hope that the promise will be fulfilled, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

REV. J. H. STEWART.

**\* \* A few Prayers from approved Authors  
are added to the other Examples in the follow-  
ing Collection.**

## SUNDAY.

Let me pray for the revival of pure Religion among all the Bishops and Ministers of the Church of England. May they be endowed with knowledge and wisdom, courage and faithfulness, humility and holiness, zeal and love!—Let me pray for the Clergy of our own neighbourhood in particular, and for the Congregations committed to their charge. Let me also bear in remembrance all christian Pastors and Teachers, in this country, and throughout the world, that they may faithfully “set forth God’s true

“ and lively word, and duly administer his holy Sacraments.”—Let me pray for all who are engaged in the instruction of Sunday School Children, that they may watch with tender anxiety over the lambs of Christ’s flock. Let me fervently intercede “ for the whole estate of “ the church militant here on earth.” May the Lord vouchsafe an “ increase of grace” to all who hear the message of eternal life, “ that they “ may receive it with pure affection, “ and bring forth the fruits of the “ Spirit !”



Arise, O Lord, into thy rest ; thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ; and let thy saints shout for joy. Ps. cxxxii. 8, 9.

Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance : feed them also, and lift them up for ever. Ps. xxviii. 9.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee : let such as love thy salvation, say continually, The Lord be magnified. Ps. xl. 16.

Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; pray ye therefore the lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. St. Matthew ix. 37, 38.

“ Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels ; send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace, and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Prayer for the Clergy and People.*

“ That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly.”

*Litany.*

“ O Lord Jesu Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit.”  
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent.*

“ O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock; make, we beseech

thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

*Saint Peter's Day.*

"Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

*Saint John the Evangelist's Day.*





## MONDAY.

Let me pray for a general outpouring of the Holy Spirit's Influence at home and abroad :—for the conversion and restoration of the Jews, and the ingathering of the Gentile nations into the Church of Christ: for the extension of pure and undefiled religion among the Protestant inhabitants of Europe, and for the speedy downfall of Popery, Mohammedanism, and Superstition of every kind.

Let me pray also for the Directors and Agents of our Bible and Missionary Societies, and of all other

Societies established for the propagation of the Gospel, that it may please Almighty God “to endue them with grace, wisdom, and understanding,” and give abundant success to their “labours of love.”— Let me be earnest in my supplications for our beloved brethren, the Missionaries. May they be strengthened, and encouraged amidst the peculiar difficulties of their work! May they possess the zeal, the patience, and undaunted courage of Saint Paul, not counting their lives dear unto themselves, so that they may finish their course with joy, and the ministry which they have received of the Lord Jesus!

**Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence; and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah lxii. 6, 7.**

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Ps. cxvii. 6.**

**God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee. Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2, 3.**

**Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. Ps. lxxiv. 20.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. St. Matthew vi. 10.**

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things; and blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen. Ps. lxxii. 18, 19.**

**Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Ps. li. 18.**

O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from the city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain ; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear ; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name : for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear ; O Lord, forgive ; O Lord, hearken, and do ; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God, for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. Daniel ix. 16—19.

Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts : look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine ; and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that

thou madest strong for thyself. Ps. lxxx.  
14, 15.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to  
God for Israel is, that they might be saved.  
Romans x. 1.

---

“ O God, the Creator and Preserver of all  
mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all  
sorts and conditions of men; that thou  
wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known  
unto them, thy saving health unto all nations.”

*Prayer for all conditions of men.*

“ O merciful God, who hast made all men,  
and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor  
wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather  
that he should be converted and live; have  
mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and  
Hereticks, and take from them all ignorance,  
hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word;  
and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to  
thy flock, that they may be saved among the  
remnant of the true Israelites, and be made  
one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ,

**our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen."**

*Collect for Good Friday.*


**" Bless, we beseech thee, O Lord, all Societies which have been formed under thy providence, for extending thy kingdom : bless them with a very abundant measure of the influences of thy Holy Spirit. Give wisdom to their designs, and success to their endeavours ; and dispose the hearts of thy people to contribute liberally to their support. In all their exertions help them to put their entire dependance upon Thee ; to remember that thou hast said, it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit. Hear us, Oh God of our salvation, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Mediator, and Advocate, Amen."**

## TUESDAY.

Let me pray for the King, and the Royal Family: for his Majesty's Privy Council, and for both Houses of Parliament, "that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations."

Let me 'entreat the Lord to impart his grace to our Princes, and Nobles, that they may improve their greatness, wealth, and influence, to promote and adorn true religion.' Let

me pray for the opulent families in my own neighbourhood, that they may become rich in good works, and heirs of Christ's eternal Kingdom. Let me further pray for our public schools, and Universities, and all other Establishments for the Education of youth.—Let my supplications ascend to God for the spiritual and temporal prosperity of the nation at large; for the complete triumph of the Protestant Religion in Ireland; and for the present and eternal happiness of our Fellow-subjects in the East and West Indies, and in other parts of the Globe.





Give the King thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Ps. lxxii. 1.

I exhort therefore, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men ; for Kings, and for all that are in authority ; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1 Tim. ii. 1, 2.

And Samuel said, gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

1 Sam. vii. 5.

Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you. 1 Samuel xii. 23.

“Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule, and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them, as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom ; we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of George, thy Servant, our King and governor, that in all his thoughts, words, and

works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

*Collect for the King, in the Communion Service.*

"Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

*Prayer for the Royal Family.*

"That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Council, and all the nobility, with grace, wisdom, and understanding."

*Litany.*

"Almighty Lord, the most high God, by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree justice,

give unto all our rulers a mind and spirit suitable to their situations. Make them a terror only to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well. Oh that they may use for thee, all the power which they have received from thee, not bearing the sword in vain ; but curbing and suppressing all vice and ungodliness; and defending and encouraging whatever is holy, just, and good. O give them wisdom to understand, and hearts to consider, and abilities to redress the grievances of thy people: that under their protection we may lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty.—Hear the prayers and cries of thy servants, who stand in the gap, interceding for this guilty nation which has so long abused thy mercy : Spare us good Lord, we beseech thee, and cause thy face to shine upon us that iniquity may not be our ruin. Let thy great name, now so little known, and so much profaned, be magnified and sanctified by all classes of the community. May we be a people fearing God, and working righteousness, that we may see the good of thy chosen, and

rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, and glory with thine inheritance. Hear us, O Lord our God, for the sake of thy dear Son, our most compassionate and prevailing Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen."

## WEDNESDAY

I will pray for my dear Friends, and Relatives, specifying their particular wants and circumstances, as far as they may be known to me.

---

And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee ! Genesis xvii. 18.

And his servant said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham. Genesis xxiv. 12,

And Israel said, God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads. Genesis xlviii, 15, 16.

And the sons of Job went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters, to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. Job i. 4, 5.

And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee. Ruth ii. 4.

O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel our Fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: and give unto Solomon my son, a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for

the which I have made provision. 1 Chronicles xxix. 18, 19.

And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. St. Matthew viii. 5, 6, 7, 8.

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him saying, Have mercy on me O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came, and besought him, saying, send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying Lord,

help me. But he answered and said, it is not meet to take the childrens' bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, truth, Lord : yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table. And Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. St. Matthew xv. 21,—28.

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. St. Luke xxii. 31, 32.

The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: the Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day! 2 Tim. i. 16, 18.

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day. 2 Tim. i. 3.



I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers. Philemon 4.

---

“ Oh Lord, our heavenly Father, look with thine especial favour on our relatives, and friends, our family connections and acquaintance. May they all be partakers of the grace of Christ here, and of his glory hereafter. Keep them both outwardly in their bodies, and inwardly in their souls : Increase and multiply upon them thy mercy, that thou being their ruler and guide, they may so pass through things temporal, that they finally lose not the things eternal ; Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.”

---

I will also pray for my enemies, and for all who may hate me, and speak evil of me, on account of my religion.

Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. St. Luke vi. 28.

Then said Jesus, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. St. Luke xxiii. 34.

And Stephen kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. Acts vii. 60.

---

“That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.” *Litany.*

“Grant, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr

**Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen." *Saint Stephen's Day.***

## THURSDAY.

Let me pray for an Encrease of Brotherly love among all the followers of Christ.



Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. St. John xvii. 20, 21.

Now the God of patience and consolation, grant you to be like minded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus; that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God,

even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Romans xv. 5, 6.

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment. Philemon 1, 9.

And the Lord make you to encrease and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.  
1 Thessalonians iii. 12.

---

“Almighty and everliving God,—we beseech thee to inspire continually the universal church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they that do confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity, and godly love.” *Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.*

“O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy

divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord ; that as there is but one body, and one spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

*Form of Prayer for the Twenty-fifth of October.*



I would also pray for the more perfect Establishment of my Christian Brethren in faith, knowledge, and holiness. May the Lord vouchsafe unto them an abundant supply of those blessings which make rich for time and eternity !

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of your calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places. Ephes. i. 15—20.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

F

that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height : and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Ephes. iii. 14—19.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness: giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Col. i. 9—12.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for



you all, making request with joy. Phil. i. 3, 4.

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. 1 Thess. i. 2.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. v. 23.

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power; that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. i. 11, 12.

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Colossians iv. 12.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you. 2 Thess. iii. 1.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, and supplication for all saints; and for me that utterance, may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. Ephes. vi. 18, 19.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory, for ever and ever. Amen. Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

---

“That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people.”

*Litany.*

“ O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy church and household continually in thy true religion ; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace, may evermore be defended by thy mighty power ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany.*

“ We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people ; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

*Fifth Sunday in Lent.*

“ O God of all grace, who quickenest the dead, and art both the Author and Finisher of thy peoples’ faith ! thou hast told us that the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day ; and that they go from strength to strength, growing in grace, till they appear before thee in glory. We beseech thee to graft in the hearts of thy servants the love of thy name,

encrease in them true religion, nourish them with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep them in the same, that they may abound in all those fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Amen."

## FRIDAY.

I will pray for all the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, who may be exposed to difficulty and persecution.—I will also intercede for the poor and the needy, the tempted, the afflicted, and the oppressed, especially those whose cases may be known to me. May they be made partakers of the unsearchable riches of Christ; and may their trials, privations, and sufferings, lead them to seek more earnestly the blessed and eternal inheritance of the saints in heaven!

Peter therefore was kept in prison ; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. Acts xii. 5.

Now, I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judea. Romans xv. 30, 31.

O let not the oppressed return ashamed : let the poor and needy praise thy name. Ps. lxxiv. 21.

Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee ; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die. Ps. lxxix. 11.

---

“ Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate ; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings,

and a happy issue out of all their afflictions.  
 And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.  
 Amen." *Prayer for all Conditions of Men.*

---

I will implore the blessing of God  
 upon our youth in general: but  
 especially upon the dear children  
 who are instructed in our Sunday  
 Schools.

---

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and  
 thy glory unto their children. Ps. xc. 16.

That our sons may be as plants grown up  
 in their youth; that our daughters may be as  
 corner stones, polished after the similitude of  
 a palace. Ps. cxliv. 12.

Then were there brought unto him little  
 children, that he should put his hands on them,  
 and pray.—And he took them up in his arms,  
 put his hands upon them, and blessed them,  
 St. Matthew xix. 13.—St. Mark x. 16.

“ Strengthen ( the young ) we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the comforter, and daily encrease in them thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill them, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.”

*Collect in the Confirmation Service.*

“ Grant that all carnal affections may die in them, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in them. Grant that they may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the Devil, the world, and the flesh. Grant that they may be endued with heavenly virtues; and being stedfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in charity, may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally they may come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

*Prayers in the Baptismal Service.*



## SATURDAY.

1. I will pray for nominal and worldly minded christians : for such as are in a "backsliding" state ; and for those who have embraced heretical Doctrines.

---

Hear me, O Lord, hear me: that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. 1 Kings xviii. 37.

"That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived."

*Litany,*

2. I will also pray for Infidels, and Atheists, and all classes of unconverted sinners, that it may please God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness to shine into their hearts, to give them the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

---

And the Lord said, if I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which ~~am~~ but dust and ashes. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five And he said, if I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it

for forty's sake. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak : Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it if I find thirty there. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord : Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once : Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. Gen. xviii. 26—32.

Look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin. Deut. ix. 27.

And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, the Lord is long suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty : visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Pardon, I beseech thee, the in-

iniquity of this people, according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people from Egypt even until now. Numbers xiv. 17. 18. 19.

They forgot God their Saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea: Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them. Ps. cvii. 21, 22, 23.

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a christian. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. Acts xxvi. 28, 29.

“That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men.” *Litany.*

“O Lord God, gracious and merciful! thou art good to all, and thy tender mercies are

over all thy works. And thou hast assured us, that thou hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that he should turn from his evil way, and live. Yea, thou that didst convert Zacheus the publican, and Saul the persecutor, hast power over all hearts to fashion them as thou wilt; and canst, even out of stones, raise up children to Abraham, and make eminent saints out of the very vilest sinners! We beseech thee to have pity on those, who contradict and blaspheme thy truth, and who are living in obstinate rebellion against thee. Open their eyes to see the error of their ways, and the danger of their state. Soften their hearts into penitence for their sins, and awaken them to a timely care for their souls. O let thy Spirit convince them how dreadful is the portion of ungodly men: and make them to know where their help lies, and what they must do to be saved. May all their high thoughts, and imaginations be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Discover to them the glory of thy blessed gospel, and enable them to receive its

doctrines in the simplicity of faith. May the Lord Jesus become their Prophet, Priest, and King ; and may they look to him alone, for wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption ! Thus let them be adopted into the family of thy children on earth, and hereafter let them be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. Amen."

—oo—

MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES  
OF

*Intercessory Prayer.*

And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold ! yet now, if thou wilt, forgive their sin : and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. Exodus xxxii. 31, 32.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee ; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee ; the Lord lift up his

countenance upon thee, and give thee peace,  
Numbers vi. 24, 25, 26.

If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of the enemy, far or near; yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, we have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness; and so return unto thee with all their hearts, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have

transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them that carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them. 1 Kings viii. 46—50.

A multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was written: but Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. 2 Chronicles xxx. 18, 19.

Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem light before thee that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. Nehemiah ix. 32.

O continue thy loving-kindness unto them



that know thee ; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. Ps. xxxvi. 10.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, let thy glory be above all the earth. Ps. lvii. 5.

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known ; in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk iii. 2.

Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am ; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me : for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. St. John xvii. 24.

Now, the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Romans xv. 13.

And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. 2 Thess. iii. 5.

**F I N I S.**

---

*J. Raw, Printer, Ipswich.*





706

- 32







